Subject: Chat with Ravi Somaiya
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Ravi: Hey Barrett
me: yo
Ravi: This Israel thing -- was there an op this weekend, or did the websites actually just crash coincidentally?
me: there was a planned attack which was carried out
me: I spoke to Israeli TV about it
me: can provide recording if you'd like
Ravi: Would you mind just telling me the same thing you told them?
Ravi: Sorry, just easier that way.
me: Some Anons DDOSed Mossad, IDF sites after having put out press release
Ravi: How many Anons?
me: no idea
Ravi: Did they bring down the sites?
me: yes, that's why the Israelis called me
Ravi: Indeed. My question is -- we know the sites went down, but do you definitively know the DDOS was responsible?
Ravi: Also, can I use this on the record?
me: you may use on the record
me: if you agree to listen to the exchange I've had on this issue with Israeli TV
Ravi: Sure, send the link.
me: which is brief and will bring you up to speed on necessary side issues
me: sending now
Ravi: Thanks!
me: No problem. I just need to make sure that any coverage of this takes into account a comprehensive background since this relates to Mossad, others whom we'd prefer to have a clear view of this
Ravi: Great, watching now.
Ravi: So, essentially, you're saying that it's absurd for the ISraelis to claim the two things aren't linked?
me: yes
Ravi: Is it fair for me to say this:
Ravi: "Barrett Brown, an informal spokesman for Anonymous, said Monday that members of the group had carried out "a planned attack" on the Web sites in question. He called Israeli government's claim of a coincidental hardware failure "absurd," but could not provide specific details of the operation."
me: except for last phrase. I can note that it was a DDOS attack and was warned about in prior messages

Ravi: OK, but what I am trying to say is that you didn't see any IRC activity, or numbers of people involved, or watch the sites go down under DDOS attack.
me: that's a better way to put it
Ravi: I can't put it that way, because I'd have to explain every term and it would take 300 words.
Ravi: How's this?
Ravi: "Barrett Brown, an informal spokesman for Anonymous, said Monday that members of the group had carried out "a planned attack" on the Web sites in question. He called Israeli government's claim of a coincidental hardware failure "absurd," but did not have any direct evidence that the attack had brought down the sites."
me: yep
Ravi: Great, thanks Barrett.